

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF COTES WAS
HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR.&MRS. M.J.P.URWIN,
ON FRIDAY, 13TH. MAY, 1977, AT 8-0 P.M.

- Present. Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Mr.M.J.P.Urwin, Parish Councillor for the Ward of Cotes, and Charnwood Borough Councillor B.Scarlett, together with seven Local Government Electors.
- Minutes. No Minutes of Parish Meetings held prior to the formation of the joint Parish Council had been kept.
- Chairman's Report. This being the first Annual Parish Meeting to be held since Cotes had joined with Burton and Prestwold to form a Common Parish Council, the Chairman explained the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting. This must be held annually between the 1st.March and 1st.June, (both dates inclusive). The Chairman of the Parish Council must call this meeting and preside, if he is unable to attend, then the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council must do so. Other Parish Meetings may be held during the year in addition to the Annual Meeting, and may be convened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, or any two Parish Councillors, or by six Local Government Electors for the Ward in which it is to be held. Such especially called Parish Meeting must also be chaired as above. The purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting is to enable the electorate to discuss Parish affairs and activities or policies in the Parish of any other local authority. Any resolutions which may be carried are not however, binding on the Parish Council. The Ward of Cotes will retain its own identity and will now be able to make representation through the Parish Council to the higher authorities of the Borough of Charnwood and the County Council.
- Parish Notice Board. In order to keep Parishioners informed of meetings etc. the Parish Council is providing a weatherproof notice board for official notices. It was agreed that this should be placed adjacent to the G.P.O letter box at the entrance to Stanford Lane.
- Traffic Signs. Following a request made by Mr.Urwin at a previous Parish Council Meeting for a review of the Traffic Signs on the A60, the Chairman was able to report that these had been investigated by the County Council, and the

white lining pattern will be up-dated to take into account the current vehicle approach speed to the village. The direction signs will also be replaced where necessary to comply with the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1975.

Bus Stop.

The request for the Bus Stop to be moved from its present position on the A60 to the "Closed off" end of Back Lane had also been investigated at a site meeting at which all the authorities concerned had attended. The Chairman informed the meeting that as a result of this investigation it was agreed that the bus stop was in the least dangerous position, and that it would not be advisable to move it to the Back Lane position due to lack of visibility.

Mr.Buxton asked if a Bus Passenger Shelter could be provided for the existing bus stop.

The Chairman promised to raise this at the next Parish Council Meeting.

A complaint was made that buses were leaving this stop earlier than the scheduled time. The Chairman agreed to notify the bus company concerned.

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Councillor
Scarlett's
report.

Councillor Scarlett reporting on the past year was sorry to have to inform the meeting that the sewerage and road scheme scheduled for Cotes had been deferred by the Charnwood Council.

The sewerage scheme is being delayed for a year, and the road scheme is being held up longer, and will eventually link up with the proposed road alterations in Loughborough.

Councillor Scarlett was able to report that the plans for the proposed development at Cotes Mill had been passed by Charnwood Council.

Queen's Silver
Jubilee
Celebrations.

Mr.Urwin gave details of the joint celebrations being arranged for Cotes and Prestwold.

There was no further business, and before closing the meeting at 9-30 p.m., the Chairman thanked Mr.&Mrs.Urwin for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held in their house.

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE WARD OF PRESTWOLD WAS
HELD AT PRESTWOLD HALL ON MONDAY, 21ST. MARCH, 1977,
AT 8-0 P.M.

Present.

Mr.J.R.Bell, Chairman, Mr.T.E.W.Sleath, Parish Councillor for the Ward of Prestwold, and Charnwood Borough Councillor, B.Scarlett, together with six Local Government Electors.

Minutes.

No Minutes of Parish Meetings held prior to the formation of the joint Parish Council of Burton-on-the-Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold had been kept.

Chairman's Report.

This being the first Annual Parish Meeting to be held since Prestwold had joined with Burton and Cotes to form a Common Parish Council, the Chairman explained the purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting.

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It was with pleasure that the Chairman informed the meeting of the news that Barton Transport Ltd. was now able to charge intermediate fares between Burton and Loughborough. This will be of especial benefit to residents in Prestwold and Cotes, and was the result of a request made by the Parish Council to Bartons, who had approached the Trent Motor Traction Company for permission to do this, Trent having the monopoly on this route.

The Chairman then made the meeting open for general discussion and questions.

Wymeswold Airfield.

Wymeswold Airfield which lies within the Parish of Prestwold was discussed at some length, and it was the

consensus of the meeting that the airfield should return to agricultural use.

Home Farm, B676. The difficulty of gaining access to the B676 from the Home Farm by agricultural vehicles due to fast moving traffic on this road was raised, and a request for a "Concealed Drive" notice was made. The Parish Council was also asked to enquire into the possibility of double white lines along this fast section of road.

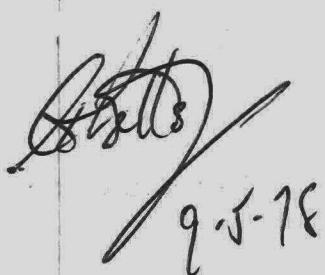
Similar difficulties were being experienced at the entrance of the main drive to Prestwold Hall, and a request was also made for a "Concealed Drive" notice to be placed either side of this entrance.

Footpath alongside B676. A complaint was made concerning the surface of the footpath from Home Farm, Prestwold to the B675. The surface was being cut up by horse riders, and a request was made for a hard surface to be provided.

Parish Notice Board. In order to keep Parishioners informed of meetings etc., the Parish Council is providing a weather proof notice board for official notices. It was agreed that it should be erected on the land between the woodyard and Mrs. Hand's house.

Queen's Silver Jubilee. Celebrations for the Queen's Silver Jubilee were discussed, and Mr. Packe-Drury-Lowe offered to provide a sheep for a barbecue, and extended an invitation to Cotes to join in the Prestwold Celebrations. This was agreed upon, and Mr. T.E.W. Sleath agreed to co-ordinate the arrangements for Prestwold and Cotes.

There was no further business, and the Chairman on closing the meeting at 10.00 p.m. thanked Mr. and Mrs. Packe-Drury-Lowe for their kindness in allowing the meeting to be held in Prestwold Hall.


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